

WO-236
Old Collins Farm
Bishopville vicinity
private

c. 1860

According to the current owners of this Bishopville vicinity farm, the property has been in family hands since the mid nineteenth century. The two-story, five-bay frame house has been altered over the years with changes to the entrance and the arrangement of windows across the east elevation. Architectural features suggest the house was built in two principal stages beginning with a two-story, two-bay dwelling that stretched westward with a single story service wing. Seams in the cornice and a slight unevenness to the roofline indicate the northern three bays of the main house were added at a later time.

HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: Old Collins Farm

MHT Inventory Number: No- 236

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

1) Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture, Agriculture

2) Geographic Orientation:

Eastern Shore

3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

1915 - 1970 Agriculture - Industrial

4) Resource Type(s):

Transition

1. Standing Structures

a. Farmhouse

b. Log Smoke House

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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Magi No. 2402388885DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common OLD COLLINS FARM

2. Location

street & number South side of Collins Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Bishopville ☒ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use | |
|---|--|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> museum |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | <input type="checkbox"/> educational | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> religious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <input type="checkbox"/> in process | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. and Mrs. John R. Collins

street & number Rte 1 telephone no.:

city, town Bishopville state and zip code MD 21813

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Worcester County Courthouse folio

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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| Condition | | Check one | Check one |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered | <input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed | | |

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The old Collins farm is located along Collins Road south of Bishopville, Worcester County, Maryland. The two-story, five-bay frame house faces east with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

The two-story main block was built in two principal stages, beginning around 1850 with a two-bay, side hall/parlor dwelling that extended westward with a single-story service wing. During the early twentieth century the front block was enlarged with a two-story three-bay addition that continued the existing roofline and general dimensions of the old house. Supported by a minimal brick foundation, the structure is sheathed with a layer of asbestos shingles.

The east (main) elevation is an asymmetrical five-bay facade with the entrance located at the south end sheltered by a screened-in porch. A single-pane sash window pierces the front wall directly south of the partially glazed front door. The center bay is undefined, but the two-bays to the north are filled with six-over-six sash windows. The second floor is lighted by five unevenly spaced six-over-six sash windows, and a boxed cornice stretches across the base of the roof. There is a distinct seam in the cornice and a slight unevenness in the roofline that suggests the shift in construction periods.

The north and south gable ends are similar with six-over-six sash windows lighting each floor, and interior end brick stacks protrude through the roof. Smaller four-panel windows light the attic, and the eave is slightly extended on the south end. Attached to the south end is a small gable-roofed pump house and to the north a screened-in porch shelters a side entrance and an adjacent window.

Extending from the west side of the main block is a single-story, two-room service wing covered by a tin roof. A patch in the gable end indicates the former location of the kitchen chimney. The kitchen is lighted by a combination of six-over-six sash and replacement windows, and the eave is finished by a boxed cornice. Attached to the west end of the kitchen is a small gable roofed addition illuminated by six-pane windows.

Standing south of the house is a gable-front round log smoke house partially covered by vertical and horizontal board sheathing. The logs are joined at the corners with a saddle notch. Corrugated tin covers the building. Most recently the old smoke house has been used as a dog house. Immediately west of the smoke house is a single-story frame garage.

8. Significance

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| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> law | <input type="checkbox"/> science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> economics | <input type="checkbox"/> literature | <input type="checkbox"/> sculpture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> education | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> social/ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> music | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900– | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The old Collins farm retains a two-story, five-bay dwelling that dates to the mid nineteenth century, however later changes in fenestration have compromised its exterior appearance. The front entrance has been relocated and at least one window has been blocked up. According to the owners the interior was remodeled around the same time that the northern three-bay addition was attached. Standing south of the house is a small, round log smoke house, a relatively rare outbuilding surviving on northern Worcester County farms.

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 Selbyville, MD-DEL, Quadrangle
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